

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group 1, claims 1-4, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device; and

Group 2, claims 5-8, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group 2, Claims 5-8.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau, Registration No 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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